

# ***PEST ALERT***

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## **Red Imported Fire Ant Infested Shipment**

We have reason to believe that a shipment of palms that originated in Tampa, Florida and known to be infested with imported fire ants may be entering Nevada in violation of federal quarantine requirements. The shipment was rejected by Arizona Department of Agriculture and directed to return to Florida. However, the driver may attempt to enter Nevada and sell the palms to nurseries and landscapers.

This shipment is infested with fire ants and has the potential to infest your business and your customer's property with a quarantined, destructive pest. If you are contacted by the shipper and offered this nursery stock, the Nevada Department of Agriculture requests that you contact one of our offices immediately. If you have already purchased any of the palms in this shipment, immediately isolate the plants and call the Department.

**Shipper: Reel Trees**  
**Truck License: PL279 IA**  
**Trailer License: RP-7089**  
**Species in shipment: Sago Palms, Moles Palms, Sylvestris Palms, Pindo Palms**

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